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SUBJ: FIRST COMMITTEE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

1. STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (SIS) ITEM IN FIRST COMMITTEE COMMENCED 15 OCTOBER. THERE WERE ONLY TWO SPEAKERS, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND THE VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MONGOLIA, RESPECTIVELY. BOTH SPEAKING IN RUSSIAN, THEY LAUDED THE IMPORTANCE OF SIS, AND SPOKE OF THE DISARMAMENT EFFORTS OF THE USSR AND PEACEFUL ASPIRATIONS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN THE USUAL RHETORIC. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UN CHARTER IN STRIVING FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. MONGOLIA ALSO WANTED AMERICAN TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH KOREA SO THAT A PERMANENT PEACE COULD BE ACHIEVED ON THE PENINSULA, AND PEACE CAN FINALLY BE ACHIEVED IN ASIA. POLAND HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO SPEAK, BUT CANCELLED. ATTENDANCE WAS INITIALLY THIN DESPITE FACT THAT MEETING STARTED THIRTY MINUTES LATE, AS IS CUSTOMARY. DESPITE THE GRADUAL BUILD-UP OF PARTICIPANTS, THE GENERAL ATTITUDE WAS INATTENTIVE. THE CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FEW NUMBER OF SPEAKERS INSCRIBED FOR THE FIRST MEETING AND FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY.

2. AT MORNING SIS SESSION, 16 OCTOBER, THE GDR TABELLED ITS JOINT RESOLUTION WITH MONGOLIA; THE TEXT IS UNCHANGED FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DOCUMENT FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER.

THE GDR REQUESTED THAT THE ITEM "IMPLEMENTATION OF SIS" BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA OF THE 31ST GA. POLISH DELEGATE FOLLOWED WITH PEAN OF PRAISE ON HISTORY OF THE SIS, THE USSR INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A VITAL ITEM TO THE UN FIVE YEARS AGO, AND THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE CSCE IN HELSINKI. THE LEBANESE DELEGATE'S REVIEW OF THE NEED FOR SIS, INCLUDED A NEAT SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPLES REQUIRED FOR A SATISFACTORY IMPLEMENTATION OF SIS, WHICH CONTAINED PHRASE ON THE PROPRIETY OF ALL NATIONS BEING ABLE TO ACT FREELY AS REGARDS THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. GHANA, ALGERIA AND ROMANIA SCRATCHED SPEAKING SCHEDULES. TURKISH DELEGATE UNEXPECTEDLY SPOKE TO CONDEMN THE BRIEF REFERENCES IN SEVERAL OF THE PREVIOUS SPEECHES TO PEACE VIOLTAIONS IN CYPRUS. HE FELT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE AND INCONSISTENT FOR THE CYPRUS ISSUE TO BE RAISED IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE, SINCE THIS MATTER IS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR DEBATE LATER IN ANOTHER COMMITTEE. THE CHAIRMAN AGAIN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FEW SPEAKERS INSCRIBED, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE HE CANCELLED THE AFTERNOON MEETING AND MOVED ITS TWO SPEAKERS TO THE FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

4. MISSION OFFICER WAS INFORMED BY EAST GERMAN DELEGATION ADVISER THAT NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION WAS NOW CIRCULATING, AND HE SEEMED UNHAPPY. COPY OF THIS "ALGERIAN" RESOLUTION, ACTUALLY COSPONSORED BY ALGERIA, INDIA, PERU, SRI LANKA AND YUGOSLAVIA, WAS OBTAINED BY MISSION OFFICER FROM UK DELEGATE DAVID LOGAN. A COPY WAS POUCHED THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, TO BERNIE OPPEL, IO. LOGAN SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED MISSION OFFICER THAT EC-9 HAS AGREED TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH ALGERIAN AND GDR/MONGOLIA RESOLUTIONS WHEN VOTE COMES.

5. ALGERIANS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER, AND PROBABLY WILL TABLE THE NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION. SINCE THE CHAIRMAN HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT DEBATE ON THE SIS ITEM WILL CONCLUDE ON MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER, VOTING ON THE RESOLUTIONS IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH THE NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION, UK DELEGATE LOGAN SURMISES US WILL AGAIN BE OPPOSED TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4, WHICH CONTAINS SAME LANGUAGE WHICH FOUND OBJECTIONABLE BY UNCLASSIFIED

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US AT 29TH SESSION RESOLUTION, OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF HE COULD BE INFORMED SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER ON CURRENT OCCASION US WILL ASK FOR A SPEARATE VOTE ON THE OFFENDING PARAGRAPH, OR WHETHER IT WILL VOTE AGAINST THE FULL RESOLUTION.
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